Report on technical Review of the Operations of BALCO

2409. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether M/s. Behre Dolbear International Ltd. had submitted a report on a technical review of the operations of BALCO in May, 2000;

(b) if so, the suggested priorities of the consultant for future BALCO capital expenditure;

(c) the financial involvement for the same; and

(d) the observations of the Consultant on the present condition of the 270MW captive power plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) to (d) M/s. Behre Dolbear International Ltd. undertook a technical review of the operations of BALCO. Its report *interalia* suggested overhaul of the hot rolling mill, addition to the power generator system, reconditioning of the alumina refinery and aluminium smelter, etc., at a total approximate cost of $25 mil. It observed that the captive power plant (CPP) is coal based, with coal supply linkages with the Korba Super Thermal Power Station of NTPC who have a management contract to run the BALCO CPP.

Sick CPSU

2410. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of CPSUs declared sick and referred to BIFR;

(b) the total number of State public sector units declared sick and referred to BIFR;

(c) how many of these State public sector units have already